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SUBJECT: TFC001: AMBASSADOR'S JUNE 7 MEETING WITH
YFH ZHU QIZHEN

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR LILLEY CALLED ON YFH ZHU QIZHEN JUNE 7 TO EMPHASIZE THE ISSUE OF THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN CHINA AND MFA FACILITATION FOR THE LANDING OF EVACUATION AIRCRAFT OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS. ON THE PROTECTION ISSUE, THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT PLA TROOPS HAD SURROUNDED THE JIANGUOMENHAI DIPLOMATIC HOUSING COMPOUND AND THAT SEVERAL FLOORS OF THE COMPOUND HAD BEEN SPLATTERED BY PLA BULLETS, CREATING A GREAT SENSE OF PANIC AMONG OUR RESIDENTS. ON THE AIRCRAFT ISSUE, HE EXPLAINED THAT HE WANTED BLANKET AUTHORITY TO MOVE CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT INTO BEIJING TO EVACUATE EMBASSY DEPENDENTS AND OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS. HE ALSO SAID IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO REQUEST CHINESE GOVERNMENT HELP IN MAKING THE ROUTES TO THE AIRPORT SAFE AND IN PROVIDING VEHICLES TO MOVE PEOPLE TO THE AIRPORT.

3. ZHU REPLIED THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE SECURITY OF FOREIGN EMBASSY NATIONALS AND NOTED THAT AFTER THE INCIDENT AT JIANGUOMENHAI WAS REPORTED TO THE HIGHEST AUTHORITIES, THE ORDER WAS GIVEN FOR THE SOLDIERS TO WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY. HE SAID WHEN SUCH INCIDENTS OCCUR, WE COULD GET IN TOUCH WITH EITHER THE AMERICAN OR PROTOCOL DEPARTMENTS AT MFA ON A 24-HOUR BASIS. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED IF WE COULD GET IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH THE MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES AND ZHU REPLIED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO DO THIS AT THIS TIME. ON THE EVACUATION AIRCRAFT ISSUE, ZHU NOTED THAT APPROVAL FOR SUCH FLIGHTS HAD TO COME FROM CAAC BUT THAT THE MFA WOULD TRY ITS BEST TO SPEED UP THE APPROVAL PROCESS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL SUGGESTION FOR THE U.S. TO TRY TO USE CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT BECAUSE PROCEDURALLY IT WOULD TAKE LONGER TO GET CLEARANCE FOR MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

4. ZHU THEN RAISED SOME CHINESE CONCERNS: HE SAID THEY HAD RECEIVED REPORTS OF THREATS AGAINST CHINESE EMBASSY AND CONSULAR PERSONNEL IN THE U.S. AND ASKED FOR THE U.S. TO PROTECT THEIR SECURITY SO THEY CAN WORK "UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES". WITH REGARD TO THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT OF JUNE 5, ZHU NOTED THAT THE

CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS STABLE AND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BEIJING IS TEMPORARY. HE SAID GOVERNMENT POLICIES OF REFORM AND OF ATTACHING IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED. HE SAID U.S. LEADERS SHOULD REFRAIN FROM DOING THINGS THAT HURT THE FEELINGS OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE AND UNDERMINE THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. THE AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WAS AN EXPRESSION OF DEEP CONCERN ABOUT RECENT TRAGIC HAPPENINGS IN CHINA, THAT THE PRESIDENT SAW VALUE IN THE LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP BUT AS THE LEADER OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, HE MUST SPEAK OUT ABOUT SOME OF THE TERRIBLE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED. THE AMBASSADOR SAID RECENT CHINESE STATEMENTS BY YUAN MU IN TIANANMEN SQUARE LACKED CREDIBILITY AS DID CHINESE NEWSPAPER VERSION OF EVENTS. THE AMBASSADOR AGREED IT WAS IMPORTANT TO KEEP LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, SUCH AS VOA BROADCASTING AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA ACCESS. 5. THE FINAL QUESTION THE AMBASSADOR ASKED WAS IF FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN WAS STILL COMING TO THE U.S. YFH ZHU REPLIED THAT IN VIEW OF PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, QIAN WILL POSTPONE HIS VISIT. END SUMMARY.

6. AMBASSADOR LILLEY CALLED ON YFH ZHU QIZHEN AT 3:30 PM, JUNE 7, TO PUSH HOME TWO ISSUES. THE FIRST WAS THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN BEIJING AND OTHER PLACES. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE KNEW THAT THE JAPANESE, BRITISH, AND AUSTRALIANS HAD ALREADY RAISED THIS SUBJECT, AND SOME POSITIVE ACTIONS BY THE CHINESE HAVE BEEN TAKEN. HE SAID, NONETHELESS, THERE IS A SENSE OF PANIC IN THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. FOR EXAMPLE, APARTMENTS ON THE NINTH, SEVENTH, FOURTH, AND THIRD FLOORS OF JIANGUOMENHAI (JGMH) HAVE BEEN SPLATTERED BY PLA MACHINE GUN BULLETS. THERE ARE WIVES AND CHILDREN IN THOSE APARTMENTS. SUBSEQUENTLY, JGMH WAS SURROUNDED BY ARMED AND MENACING PLA TROOPS WHO GRABBED A CHINESE INSIDE THE COMPOUND. THIS ADDED TO THE PANIC.

ALSO, CERTAIN AMERICANS SUCH AS MOSES OF THE WASHINGTON POST AND ROTH OF CBS WERE BEATEN WHILE BEING ARRESTED. THIS HAS CREATED A SENSE OF CONCERN FOR PEOPLES' PHYSICAL SAFETY. FROM OUR SIDE, WE HAVE CALLED IN NAM XU AND OFFERED PROTECTION AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS IN THE U.S. AND PROTECTION FOR CHINESE PROPERTY IN THE U.S. NAM WAS GRATEFUL FOR OUR ACTIONS. WE ALSO TOLD NAM OUR DEEP CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE. I AM MAKING A STRONG APPEAL TO YOU NOW FOR THE PROTECTION OF U.S. CITIZENS.

7. THE SECOND REQUEST THE AMBASSADOR HAD WAS FOR PERMISSION FOR AIRCRAFT TO MOVE U.S. CITIZENS OUT OF CHINA. THE REQUEST IS FOR DEPENDENTS OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND ALL OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS. HE SPECIFICALLY NOTED THAT WE WERE MAINTAINING FULL EMBASSY AND CONSULAR STAFFS. WE INTENDED TO EVACUATE ALL EMBASSY AND CONSULATE DEPENDENTS AND WILL STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAVE CHINA. WE ARE ALSO REQUESTING BLANKET AUTHORITY TO MOVE OUR PLANES IN. MANY OF OUR CITIZENS ARE WORRIED AND IRRITATED AND SOME ARE EVEN HYSTERICAL. ZHU ASKED FOR A ROUGH FIGURE OF AMERICANS IN CHINA. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT DEPENDENTS IN THE EMBASSY NUMBERED ABOUT 280, STUDENTS AND BUSINESSMEN 400-500, AND IN BEIJING AS A WHOLE THERE WERE 1800-1900 AMERICANS, PERHAPS LESS RIGHT NOW SINCE MANY BUSINESSMEN HAD ALREADY

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8. THE AMBASSADOR CONTINUED THAT BASED ON THE ABOVE NUMBERS WE WERE REQUESTING THAT AT LEAST FOUR AIRCRAFT WOULD BE LANDING IN BEIJING. WE HOPED THAT THE FIRST AIRCRAFT WOULD BE ABLE TO COME TOMORROW MORNING AND THAT FLIGHTS WOULD CONTINUE THROUGH SATURDAY. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IF WE COULD NOT SECURE U.S. AIRCRAFT WE WOULD GO TO OTHER AIRLINES SUCH AS JAL. IF WE COULD NOT SECURE AIRCRAFT THROUGH THIS MEANS, WE WOULD HAVE TO GO TO MILITARY AIRCRAFT SUCH AS C-54S OR C-141S.

9. THE AMBASSADOR FURTHER NOTED THAT THERE WERE OTHER ASPECTS OF SECURITY NEEDED FOR TRANSPORTING PEOPLE TO THE AIRPORT, AND HE SAID WE MAY HAVE TO COME TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO REQUEST HELP FOR SECURE TRANSPORTATION. HE CITED TWO ASPECTS: SECURITY IN KEEPING ROADS OPEN SO WE CAN GET TO THE AIRPORT AND HELP IN GETTING BUSES TO MOVE PEOPLE TO THE AIRPORT. FINALLY, THE AMBASSADOR TOLD VFM ZHU THAT AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS WILL BE CONVEYING THE ABOVE MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR HAN XU IN WASHINGTON AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME.

10. ZHU REPLIED THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE SECURITY OF FOREIGN EMBASSY NATIONALS INCLUDING THOSE OF THE U.S. AS REGARDS U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL HERE, WE HAVE ADOPTED SOME MEASURES TO REINFORCE SECURITY. BUT AS THE AMBASSADOR IS AWARE, INCIDENTS IN BEIJING HAVE NOT ALL QUIETED DOWN. IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE EVERYTHING RETURNS TO NORMAL. THEREFORE, WE HAVE ALREADY TOLD THE U.S. EMBASSY ABOUT OUR WISH THAT ALL EMBASSY PERSONNEL BE INFORMED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IF THERE IS A CROWD ON THE STREETS NOT TO JOIN THEM, BECAUSE EVERYTHING HAS NOT RETURNED TO NORMAL. YESTERDAY, THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR FOR AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN AFFAIRS TOLD ADCH BURGHARDT THAT SO LONG AS U.S. PERSONNEL ASIDE BY THE REGULATIONS OF THE BEIJING MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND THE MARTIAL LAW COMMAND, THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM REGARDING THEIR SECURITY. THAT STILL IS IN FORCE. BUT IF YOU MEET WITH SOME TEMPORARY PROBLEMS, YOU CAN TELL US. I ADVISE YOU TO GET IN TOUCH WITH EITHER THE AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN OR PROTOCOL DEPARTMENTS. WE HAVE PEOPLE THERE ON 24-HOUR DUTY.

11. AS FOR THE INCIDENT THIS MORNING, YOU HAVE INFORMED US AND OTHER EMBASSIES HAVE INFORMED US ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE JGMV APARTMENTS. HOWEVER, IT WILL STILL TAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TO DISCOVER WHAT HAPPENED. ACCORDING TO OUR UNDERSTANDING, WHEN THE PLA WAS GOING UP JGMV STREET THEY WERE FIRED UPON BY A SNIPER. ONE OFFICER WAS

KILLED AND ONE SOLDIER WAS WOUNDED. WHEN FOREIGN EMBASSIES INCLUDING YOURS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT OUR REACTION, WE REPORTED THE WHOLE INCIDENT TO OUR HIGHEST AUTHORITIES AND THE SOLDIERS THEN WITHDREW IMMEDIATELY. THE DIRECTOR FOR THE AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ALSO BRIEFED ONE OF YOUR COUNSELORS ON THIS IMMEDIATELY. UNDER THIS TENSE SITUATION, THE COUNSELOR MADE SOME INAPPROPRIATE REMARKS. NOTE. WHEN TOLD OVER THE PHONE THAT THE TROOPS HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN BY ORDER OF "HIGHEST AUTHORITIES", OUR COUNSELOR HAD, AFTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THIS ACTION, ASKED IF IT WAS POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO IDENTIFY WHO THE HIGHEST

AUTHORITIES ARE. THE RESPONSE WAS, "THE STATE COUNCIL." (END NOTE.) UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, ZHU CONTINUED, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT AND HAVE A COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE. THE MFA WILL TRY TO DO WHAT IT CAN.

12. WITH REGARD TO THE AMBASSADOR'S POINT ABOUT EVACUATION AIRCRAFT, VFM ZHU NOTED HE HAD SUGGESTED YESTERDAY THAT THE EMBASSY GET IN TOUCH WITH CAAC. HE EXPLAINED THAT PROCEDURALLY, WHILE THE MFA MUST FIRST BE INFORMED OF THE REQUEST, CAAC HAS TO APPROVE IT. ZHU SAID THE MFA WILL TRY TO DO ITS BEST TO SPEED UP THE APPROVAL PROCEDURE. AMBASSADOR LILLEY SAID THERE WERE EMBASSY OFFICERS AT CAAC EVEN AS THEY SPOKE, AND THAT WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE MFA SUPPORT IN EXPEDITING AIRCRAFT COMING INTO CHINA.

13. THE AMBASSADOR THEN ASKED VFM ZHU IF THE U.S. COULD ESTABLISH A LIAISON WITH THE MARTIAL LAW COMMAND TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC INCIDENTS. ZHU REPLIED THAT HE PERSONALLY WISHED THE U.S. COULD HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THEM BUT SAID AT THE MOMENT IT IS DIFFICULT. THE AMBASSADOR SAID A LOT OF THE AGONY OF THIS MORNING COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH THE MARTIAL LAW COMMANDER TO RESOLVE THE INCIDENT MORE QUICKLY. ZHU SAID HE COMPLETELY UNDERSTOOD OUR WISHES AND THAT THIS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BUT AT THE MOMENT THERE WAS NO FASTER CHANNEL. HE SAID IF THERE WERE ANY PROGRESS HE WOULD LET US KNOW.

14. THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT U.S. CIVILIAN FLIGHTS TO CHINA MAY BE UNRELIABLE. HE NOTED THAT WE HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED ALREADY AND THAT WE MAY NEED MILITARY TRANSPORT WHICH CAN TAKE 300-400 PEOPLE AT ONCE. ZHU SAID THAT OF COURSE THE CHINESE SIDE WILL TRY ITS BEST TO ACCOMMODATE THESE WISHES. PROCEDURALLY, HE NOTED, IT TAKES LONGER TO GET CLEARANCE FOR MILITARY AIRCRAFT. HE SAID HIS "PERSONAL" SUGGESTION WAS TO TRY TO USE CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IT TAKES LONGER TO GET A CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT TO CHINA.

15. ZHU THEN SAID HE HAD A FEW POINTS TO RAISE. ON THE SECURITY QUESTION, HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE SECURITY MEASURES WE HAVE TAKEN IN THE U.S. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHINESE SIDE IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE SECURITY OF CHINESE EMPLOYEES IN THE U.S. AND OF CHINESE STUDENTS, TOO. HE SAID THEY HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE THREATENING TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST CHINESE EMBASSY AND CONSULAR PERSONNEL AND CHINESE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S. THEREFORE, HE ASKED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THEIR SECURITY SO THEY CAN WORK UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS.

16. ZHU THEN RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT OF JUNE 5. HE NOTED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD ISSUED A STATEMENT ON IT (TEXT SENT SEPTEL). ZHU SAID THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS A STABLE ONE, THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BEIJING IS TEMPORARY AND THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY CAPABLE OF PUTTING DOWN THE RIOTS. HE SAID THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO REITERATED THAT ITS POLICY OF REFORM AND OPENING UP REMAINED UNCHANGED, AS WERE ITS INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY AND ITS POLICY OF ATTACHING IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPING THE

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SINO-U.S. BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. AT THIS TIME, HE
SAID, WE HOPE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL TREASURE THE
BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED

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THROUGH GREAT EFFORTS BY BOTH SIDES OVER THE PAST
TEN YEARS. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD REFRAIN FROM
DOING THINGS THAT HURT THE FEELINGS OF THE CHINESE
PEOPLE AND THAT UNDERMINE THE BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIP. THE USG SHOULD TAKE A LONG-TERM VIEW
OF THE RELATIONSHIP.

17. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED IF FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN'S
VISIT TO THE U.S. HAD BEEN CANCELLED. ZHU SAID THAT
THIS WAS ON HIS AGENDA AND HE WAS STARTLED HE HAD
ANTICIPATED HIM. ZHU WENT ON THAT, IN VIEW OF THE
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, FM QIAN WILL POSTPONE HIS
VISIT TO THE U.S. TO GET BACK TO CHINA. HE IS NOW
IN CUBA AND HE WILL SHORTEN HIS VISIT THERE TO
RETURN TO CHINA AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

18. THE AMBASSADOR THEN COMMENTED ON THE BUSH
STATEMENT. HE NOTED THE PRESIDENT HAD PHONED HIM
TWO DAYS AGO. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE KNEW THE
PRESIDENT HAD NO INTENTION OF INTERFERING IN CHINA'S
INTERNAL AFFAIRS. NONETHELESS, THE EVIDENCE OF
VIOLENCE AND CARNAGE WAS OVERWHELMING. SOME
TERRIBLE THINGS HAVE HAPPENED. AS A LEADER OF THE
U.S. AND THE FREE WORLD, THE PRESIDENT HAD TO SPEAK
OUT. THERE WAS ALSO A STRONG REACTION WORLDWIDE
FROM OTHER DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES. THE PRESIDENT
EMPHASIZED THAT HE DID SEE LONG-TERM VALUE IN THE
BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. THE PRESIDENT WAS DEEPLY
HURT BY WHAT HE SAW. THE PRESIDENT HAD ASKED HE ON
THE PHONE WHY THIS WAS HAPPENING. HE COULD NOT
UNDERSTAND THESE ALMOST INCREDIBLE AND CHASTLY
THINGS, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE HAD WORKED IN CHINA IN
MORE PEACEFUL TIMES IN 1974-75. THE PRESIDENT WAS
EXPRESSING DEEP CONCERN AND AGONY FOR THE SUFFERING
OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE.

19. THE AMBASSADOR POINTED TO A GROWING CREDIBILITY
GAP. HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE STATE COUNCIL SPOKESMAN
YUAN MU'S STATEMENT THAT NO ONE HAD BEEN KILLED ON
TIANANMEN SQUARE WHEN MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE
WORLD SAW IT HAPPEN. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THEREFORE
IT WAS IMPORTANT TO KEEP LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN
AND TO HAVE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS SUCH AS VOA
BROADCASTS AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WORKING IN
CHINA. THE AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT THE CHINA
DAILY ON 7 JUNE WAS DEVOID OF ANY REPORTING ON THE
MOST IMPORTANT STORY IN CHINA. HE SAID HE WAS
SADDENED THAT DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS BETWEEN THE U.S.
AND CHINA WERE DEVELOPING ON CURRENT EVENTS IN
CHINA. HE SAID PRESIDENT BUSH WAS TRYING TO EXPRESS
HOW DEEPLY HE CARE ABOUT EVENTS IN CHINA.

20. ZHU NOTED THAT AS HE HAD SAID LAST TIME THE
SITUATION IN CHINA WAS COMPLEX AND IT IS NOT EASY TO
UNDERSTAND EVENTS AT A SINGLE STROKE, ESPECIALLY
WHEN RUMORS ARE FLYING. THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN
CHINA IS STABLE AND CHINA'S POLICY OF REFORM IN
OPENING UP WILL NOT CHANGE. HE HOPES THAT THE
REMARKS AND ACTIONS OF U.S. LEADERS WILL NOT LEAD TO
DIFFICULTIES IN THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.
AMBASSADOR LILLEY SAID THAT HE WILL CONVEY THAT
MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON. YEM ZHU NOTED THAT FM QIAN
WAS JUST DELAYING RATHER THAN CANCELLING HIS VISIT
TO THE U.S. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE HOPED SO
BECAUSE WE WOULD WELCOME HIM TO COME UNDER BRIGHTER

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